

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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| In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a |) | |
| AmerenUE for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing |) | <u>Case No. ER-2007-0002</u> |
| Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers |) | Tariff No. YE-2007-0007 |
| in the Company's Missouri Service Area |) | |

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

Issue Date: October 6, 2006

Effective Date: October 6, 2006

On July 10, 2006, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE submitted to the Missouri Public Service Commission certain proposed tariff sheets to implement a general rate increase for retail electric service to customers in its Missouri service area.

The Commission issued notice of that filing on July 11, and established July 31 as the deadline for submission of requests to intervene. On September 8, 2006, the Missouri Retailers Association (MRA) filed an application to intervene out of time pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075¹.

MRA is composed of retailers who represent a cross section of businesses within the State of Missouri. In support of its application, MRA states that, because its member companies utilize a substantial amount of electricity, determinations made by the Commission in this case could have a direct and significant impact on MRA's cost of energy service and the manner in which that service is supplied. MRA also contends that, as large and small customers of AmerenUE, MRA has a direct and immediate interest in these

¹ MRA's requested intervention under 4 CSR 240-2.070, however, that Commission rule governs complaint case procedure. Accordingly, the Commission believes MRA intended to request intervention under 4 CSR 240-2.075.

proceedings that is different from that of the general public. MRA further stated that its interests could be adversely affected by Commission decisions in this case.

In support of its request for the Commission to accept its filing out of time, MRA stated that it was unable to determine whether or not it should intervene in this rate case proceeding prior to the initial intervention deadline. MRA further stated that it filed its intervention request as soon as possible after determining that it should intervene. The Commission finds MRA's explanation as to why it filed its application to intervene out of time to be reasonable. More than ten days have passed since MRA filed its application to intervene out of time and no party has objected.

Having reviewed MRA's application, the Commission finds that MRA has an interest in this case that is different from that of the general public and that its interest may be adversely affected by a final order arising from this case. Furthermore, the Commission finds that allowing MRA to intervene will serve the public interest. Therefore, in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4), the Commission will grant the application to intervene.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Missouri Retailers Association's Application to Intervene Out of Time is granted.

2. This order shall become effective on October 6, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Cherlyn D. Voss, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 6th day of October, 2006.